CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for providing a wireless device with context sensitive information related to a theme, the method comprising:

synchronizing a network with the theme, the network comprising a source of context sensitive information and at least one port for receiving a request for context sensitive information from the wireless device and for distributing context sensitive information:

requesting the context sensitive information by contacting the at least one port of the network with a communications port of the wireless device; and,

providing to the wireless device through the at least one port a signal comprising the requested context sensitive information.

- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein synchronizing comprises starting a showing of a prerecorded media.
- 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the source of context sensitive information comprises a database.
- 4. The method as in claim 3, wherein the database is reachable through the Internet.
- 5. The method as in claim 1, further comprising notifying a user of the wireless device of the availability of the context sensitive information.
- 6. The method as in claim 5, wherein the notifying comprises producing a visible icon.
- 7. The method as in claim 1, wherein the context sensitive information comprises at least one of a movie clip, a music title, promotional information, contest information and advertising.

- 8. The method as in claim 1, wherein a user of the wireless device receives the context sensitive information using one of: a mobile telephone, a personal digital assistant (PDA), a pager, and a computer comprising a wireless communications interface.
- 9. An apparatus for providing a wireless device with context sensitive information related to a theme, the apparatus comprising:

a device for synchronizing a network with the theme, the network comprising a source of context sensitive information and at least one port for receiving a request for context sensitive information from the wireless device and for distributing context sensitive information; wherein the at least one port is adapted for providing to the wireless device a signal comprising the context sensitive information.

- 10. An apparatus as in claim 9, wherein the at least one port comprises an infrared (IR) communications port.
- 11. An apparatus as in claim 9, wherein the at least one port is adapted for using low power radio frequency tags.
- 12. An apparatus as in claim 9, wherein the at least one port implements a short messaging service protocol.
- 13. An apparatus as in claim 9, wherein the at least one port implements a Bluetooth protocol.
- 14. An apparatus as in claim 9, wherein the context sensitive material comprises information that is at least one of: instructional; diagnostic; price related; performance related; specification related; and, schedule related.
- 15. An apparatus as in claim 9, wherein the context sensitive material comprises at least one of a movie clip; a music title; advertising material; and, promotional material.
- 16. A method for providing a wireless device with context sensitive information related to an operation of an apparatus, the method comprising:

providing an apparatus comprising a network linked to at least one sensor, a source of context sensitive information, and at least one port for receiving a request for context sensitive information and for distributing the context sensitive information;

monitoring the operation of the apparatus with the at least one sensor to produce operational data;

contacting the at least one port with the wireless device to request the context sensitive information;

using the operational data to select context sensitive information; and providing the context sensitive information to the wireless device through the at least one port.

- 17. A method as in claim 16, wherein a communications protocol for the at least one port is a Bluetooth protocol.
- 18. A method as in claim 16, wherein the monitoring comprises operating a processing unit.
- 19. An apparatus adapted for providing a wireless device with context sensitive information related to the operation of the apparatus, the apparatus comprising:

a processing unit for synchronizing a network with the apparatus, the network comprising a source of context sensitive information and at least one port for receiving a request for context sensitive information and for distributing context sensitive information; wherein the at least one port is adapted for providing to the wireless device a signal comprising the context sensitive information.

- 20. An apparatus as in claim 19, wherein the apparatus comprises an appliance.
- 21. An apparatus as in claim 19, wherein the apparatus comprises a vehicle.
- 22. An apparatus as in claim 19, wherein the source comprises a remote database reachable through the Internet.

23. A method for receiving context sensitive information with a wireless device, the method comprising:

contacting a network with the wireless device, the network comprising a source of context sensitive information and at least one port for receiving a request for context sensitive information from the wireless device and for distributing context sensitive information; wherein the network is synchronized with a theme; the network communicating with the wireless device through the at least one port; and, downloading the context sensitive information to the wireless device.

- 24. The method as in claim 23, wherein a protocol for the communicating comprises the Bluetooth protocol.
- 25. The method as in claim 23, wherein a protocol for the communicating comprises an infrared (IR) communications protocol.
- 26. The method as in claim 23, wherein a protocol for the communicating comprises a protocol adapted for using low power radiofrequency tags.
- 27. The method as in claim 23, wherein a protocol for the communicating comprises a short messaging service protocol.
- 28. A wireless device for receiving context sensitive information, the device comprising:
 - a wireless communications port for communicating with a network, the network comprising a source of context sensitive information and at least one port for receiving a request for the context sensitive information from the wireless device and for distributing the context sensitive information; the network being synchronized with a theme; wherein the wireless device receives the context sensitive information through the wireless communications port.
- 29. A wireless device as in claim 28, wherein the wireless device waits for a command to accept or reject a download of the context sensitive information before downloading the context sensitive information.

- 30. A wireless device as in claim 28, wherein a user of the wireless device provides a command to accept or reject a download of the context sensitive information.
- 31. The wireless device as in claim 28, wherein a protocol for the wireless communications port comprises the Bluetooth protocol.
- 32. The wireless device as in claim 28, wherein a protocol for the wireless communications port comprises an infrared (IR) communications protocol.
- 33. The wireless device as in claim 28, wherein a protocol for the wireless communications port comprises a protocol adapted for using low power radio frequency tags.
- 34. The wireless device as in claim 28, wherein a protocol for the wireless communications port comprises a short messaging service protocol.
- 35. A method for providing a wireless device with context sensitive information related to a showing of a movie, the method comprising:

synchronizing a network with the showing of the movie, the network comprising a source of context sensitive information and at least one port for receiving a request for context sensitive information from the wireless device and for distributing context sensitive information;

requesting the context sensitive information by contacting the at least one port of the network with a communications port of the wireless device; and,

providing to the wireless device through the at least one port a signal comprising the requested context sensitive information.

- 36. The method as in claim 35, further comprising notifying a user of the wireless device of the availability of the context sensitive information.
- 37. The method as in claim 35, wherein the notifying comprises producing a visible icon.
- 38. A method as in claim 35, wherein the context sensitive information comprises at least one of a movie clip; a music title; advertising material; and, promotional material.